

I. AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

*a*¹ 19. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the genotype VDR-BBff is associated with a significant predisposition to breast cancer.

21. (New) The assay of claim 16, wherein the genotype VDR-BBff is associated with a significant predisposition to breast cancer.

*a*² 22. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein the genotype VDR-BBff is associated with a significant predisposition to breast cancer.

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